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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/889,761	Applicant(s) SEARLE, PETER F.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final *for restriction only*.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

The inclusion of the additional species antibiotic resistance for selectable marker and CB 1954 for prodrug is in error as correctly alluded to by applicants at page 2, paragraph 2 of the instant REMARKS (7/22/04). As stated by applicants the confusion arose over election of one species from each of categories (a) through (e), or just a single species from one of the categories had to be chosen. The confusion caused by the restriction/election of a single species is regretted.

For clarification, since categories (a)-(e) are distinct species, applicant is therefore required to elect a single species from each of categories (a) -(e). The restriction/election of species of 9/8/03 is reiterated below:

Election of species

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention.

The species are as follows:

a) Selectable marker (antibiotic resistance or otherwise) as recited in claim 5.

b) Enzyme capable of converting a prodrug to its active drug form.

c) Prodrug (e.g., CB1954, SN 23862, 2-[N,N-bis(2-iodoethyl)amino]-3,5-dinitrobenzamide, 5-fluorocytosine,

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acyclovir, ganciclovir and 6-methyl-9-(2-deoxy-B-D-erythro-pentofuranosyl) purine in claim 7.

d) Single enzyme from which variants are derived, recited in claim 9.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species *[from each of the above a)-d) i.e., one species for a, one for b and so forth]* to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. *The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added.* An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP 809.02(a).

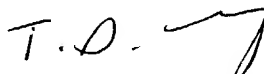
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to T. D.

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Wessendorf whose telephone number is (571) 272-0812. The examiner can normally be reached on Flexitime.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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